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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) DE Patent No. 27 189 57;
- (2) DE Patent No. 27 59 610;
- (3) DE Patent No. 27 59 856;
- (4) DE Patent No. 30 28 231;
- (5) DE Patent No. 40 05 894; and
- (6) EP Patent No. 07 56 864.

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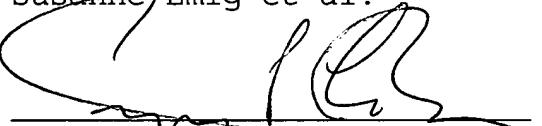
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If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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